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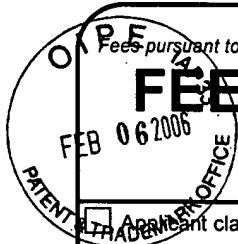
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 - ☒ The fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.
 - ☐ A statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus no fee is required. In the event that this IDS is not received before a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the filing of these papers to be submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) and charge the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to the deposit account below.
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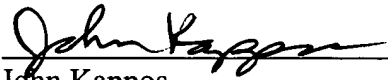
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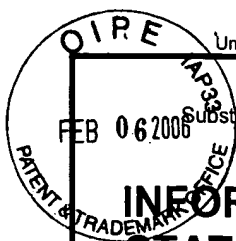
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	3.	US-4,817,015	03/28/1989	Insana	
	4.	US-4,982,339	01/01/1991	Insana	
	5.	US-5,097,836	03/24/1992	Yamada	
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	7.	US-6,007,489	12/28/1999	Yost	
	8.	US-6,066,098	05/23/2000	Masotti	
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